Amendments to the Specification:

On page 5, please replace paragraph [0014] with the following paragraph:

-- [0014] In one embodiment, the network server to be managed is compatible with the

Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI). The IPMI is a communication protocol for

LANs or modem communication to a baseboard management controller (BMC). The IPMI 1.5

specification, jointly developed by Intel Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, NEC

Corporation and Dell Computer Corporation, for instance, defines a mechanism by which an

Out-Of-Band connection can pass data back and forth to an operating system (OS) agent via the

BMC. Information regarding the IPMI 1.5 specification can be found on the Internet,

specifically on the web site of Intel Corporation at

~~http://developer.intel.com/design/servers/ipmi~~ developer*intel*com/design/servers/ipmi. It

should be noted that periods in URLs in this document have been replaced with asterisks to

avoid inadvertent hyperlinks. In existing systems, Server Management Software (SMS) uses

the IPMI mechanism to determine the OS version of the server as well as perform a shutdown

of the OS remotely. These actions are performed through the use of an OS resident agent, such

as Intel® Server Management, called Platform Instrumentation (PI).--

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